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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Hideki TOMOTO	Group Art Unit: 1774
Application No.: 10/757,398	Examiner: Merrick L. DIXON
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For: SLIDING ELEMENT FOR SEALS AND THEIR PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING	

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Date: **DECEMBER 15, 2006**

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006.

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